(c) if so, whether any applications have been received for importing Rocaltral capsule; and

(d) how many applications are lying with the Government for granting import license in respect of the import of the said Capsule ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) 'Rocaltral' is the brand name of a basic drug called 'Calcitriol', which a metabolite of Vitamin D3. It is covered under the definition of "New Drug" in the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, Requirement of clinical trial of new drugs is laid down in the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules.

(c) and (d) One application has been received for registration of Calcitriol capsules as "new Drug".

WHO Report on Possible Spread of Malaria and allied Epidimics

294. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government as seen the report of World Health Organisation on possible spread of Malaria and allied epidemics if so, what measures Government propose to take to arrest such recurrence in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to reactivate Malaria eradication schemes or advice the State Governments to introduce other measures ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) There is no such WHO report as per information received from the South East Asia regional office of WHO.

(b) For control of malaria, malariogenic stratification alongwith the implementation of a revised strategy consisting of prompt case detection and treatment and use of new bio-technologies for vector control is planned.

Procurement of Unani Medicines by the CGHS Dispensary

295. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is no regular local purchase system of Unani medicines in CGHS dispensary as in allopathy or other systems;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that the existing system in Unani CGHS dispensary to procure the medicines is very long and cumbersome that the patients have to wait for more than a month to get the medicines; and

(c) whether Government propose to simplify this process of getting Unani medicines without causing difficulty to the patients including the Members of Parliament ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) There is a CGHS Unani formulary in Delhi for the three Units and one Dispensary. In addition, the Unani Medical Stores Depot has also been authorised to purchase non-available medicines from M/s Hamdard Laboratory, Delhi. This system is reported to be working satisfactorily.

Revamped Action Plan for Family Welfare Programme in Districts of Bihar, M.P. U.P.

296. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state : what specific Policy and implementary measures have been taken by the Government since April, 1992 for spreading and improving maternity and Child health care, Family planning facilities in the 83 districts of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh selected for special strategy under the revamped acton plan for family Welfare programme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : With a view to improving maternity and child health care and family planning facilities in these districts, the following measures have been taken :—

(i) Under the Social Safety Net Scheme funds have been released for the 83 districts to upgrade facilities in selected Primary Health Centres through construction of well-equipped operation theatres, labour rooms, etc.

(ii) A scheme of Link Women has been launched in 42 of these districts for implementing a community-based programme with active participation of women.

(iii) These districts would be covered, in phases, under the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme which aims at reducing maternal and child mortality by integrating the existing Universal Immunization Programme, Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme and the Prophylaxis Schemes for a control of anaemia in pregnant women and blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency in children, by the end of 1996-97.

(iv) The State Governments have been requested to give priority to these districts for upgradation of rural health infrastructure and training under the ongoing Area Development Projects.

Tropical Diseases Spreading in India

297. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report of WHO to the effect that eleprantiasis and lelshmaniasis are spreading fast in India

(b) if so, the details thereof in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise figures;

(c) what are the steps being taken to contain these diseases; and

(d) what are other tropical diseases on increase in the country and what steps are being taken to contain these diseases ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is appended. (*See* below).

(c) Anti-larval and bio-environmental control measures alongwith detection and treatment of cases are being taken for filaria control.

Interruption of transmission through DDT spray in affected areas; early detection and treatment of cases and health education activities are being undertaken for leishmaniasis control.

(d) Other tropical diseases like Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Diarrhoeal diseases, Guineaworm disease etc., are not reported to be on the increase. Necessary preventive and curative measures are being taken regarding these diseases.

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STATEWISE NUMBER OF FILARIA AND KALA AZAR CASES

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Year	Filaria	Kala-Azar
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1989	5040	–
		1990	8951	–
		1991	8292	–
2.	Assam	1989	–	–
		1990	36	–
		1991	2	–